GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7765
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CLOSING OF GLUCOSE AND DEXTROSE UNITS IN KARNATAKA
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;R.L. JALAPPA

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for closing down the manufacturing of Glucose and Dextrose bottles besides production of common saline in Government Hospitals in Karnataka;

(b) whether the poor patients have been denied free supply of these drugs in the State;

(c) whether the Government propose to give financial assistance to the State to upgrade its Pharmacy manufacturing units in the Government Hospitals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZERS

SHRI SURESH P. PRABHU

(a) The Government of Karnataka has taken a decision for closure of 11 of the 14 units, which are attached to Government Hospitals and engaged in the manufacturing of Large Volume Parenterals (LVPs) in the State because they were not found to be complying with the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940/Rules, 1945.

(b) According to information available, steps have been taken by the State Government to procure adequate quantity of I.V. Fluids under rate contract and distribute the same to the poor patients freely so that no hardship is caused to them.

(c) & (d) There is no such proposal.